

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

1. Roll Call

Council Members

Dr. Stewart Beckett III, Chairman
Mr. Whit C. Osgood, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Jill Barry
Ms. Karen Boisvert
Mr. Lawrence J. Byar
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh {arrived 7:06pm}
Mr. William T. Finn {excused}
Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta {excused}
Mrs. Cara (Tonucci) Keefe {arrived 7:08pm}

(a) Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chairman Beckett

2. Public Comment.

Mr. William Demers of 136 Belle Woods Drive opposed the proposed plans to improve the entrance to Town Hall and the associated costs. He spoke to the Council's fiduciary responsibility and urged them to consider using that money to fund the pension plan or hold the line on taxes.

Mr. Cavanaugh arrived at 7:06pm and Mrs. Keefe arrived at 7:08pm.

3. Special Reports.

None

4. Old Business.

(a) Status report on roundabout design for New London Turnpike at Hebron Avenue intersection.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo on the topic to the Council dated January 8, 2016, noting that the Council had approved moving forward on two roundabouts. He said that they have more information about the layout of a 110' roundabout which was preferred. Mr. Dan Pennington, Town Engineer, noted that design has been initiated for both but that they are focusing on the

New London Turnpike intersection first. He reviewed the plans for both a 100' and 110' diameter roundabouts noting that the hatching represented space gained with the traffic signal effort and the red hatched space would require an easement. He added that if they seek an easement for highway purposes, it helps prevent non-conforming situations by allowing the property to remain private. He emphasized that the 110' diameter roundabout does fit and was determined to be better functionally as well as offering the opportunity for aesthetic treatment. Mrs. Keefe asked if it was the appropriate time to discuss the options and cost for pedestrian crossing signal lights. Mr. Pennington said that they don't need to make that decision until they go out to bid but he estimated the cost to be \$10-\$15K per crossing but they could also decide to install the conduit and make the decision later. Mr. Byar asked about the process. Mr. Johnson said that the decision was to go forward with the roundabouts, nothing found materially impacted the estimates but they would provide progress reports. Mr. Byar said that it sounded like the 110' diameter roundabout would work better but he would like to see it further in design. Ms. Boisvert asked about the curb lines. Mr. Pennington said that the curb lines do change with the increased diameter and they would work with the businesses and tenants on curb cuts and easements. Mr. Johnson said that it is a complicated project and they feel it would be prudent to engage the property owners sooner rather than later.

Mr. Cavanaugh asked how easements are paid. Mr. Pennington said by lump sum typically. Mr. Cavanaugh asked about the bid and construction. Mr. Pennington said that they would propose going to bid in May and look for construction in the early summer. Mrs. Keefe appreciated the town reaching out to property owners and reiterated to also reach out to tenants. Vice Chairman Osgood asked about the cost. Mr. Johnson said roughly \$1.5M. Vice Chairman Osgood expressed support for, and a consensus of the Council was reached in favor, of the 110' diameter roundabout at Hebron Avenue and New London Turnpike.

5. New Business.

(a) Action on proposed amendments to the Building-Zone Regulations – Planned Area Development Zone and Planned Employment Zone.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo on the topic to the Council dated January 8, 2016, noting the letter from Attorney Peter Alter dated December 30, 2015. Vice Chairman Osgood confirmed with Mr. Johnson that the Council is obligated to make a referral when a third party requests a zone change. Vice Chairman Osgood, Mr. Cavanaugh and Ms. Boisvert emphasized that the referral vote should not be construed as supported by the Council.

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council (Zoning Authority) hereby refers to the Town Plan & Zoning Commission proposed amendments to the Building-Zone Regulations – Planned Area Development Zone and Planned Employment Zone, to establish retirement community as a permitted use within the Planned Employment Zone, as proposed in a letter by Attorney Peter Alter dated December 30, 2015 with attachments, with said proposals also referred to the Capitol Region Council of Governments for review and comment.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

(b) Action on Memorandum of Understanding between the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Town of Glastonbury regarding Transition Grant Funding – Multi-Town Dispatch.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo on the topic to the Council dated January 8, 2016, noting that with the termination of current dispatch services to East Hampton, they are proposing for Glastonbury to provide these services. He continued saying that they are eligible for a state grant for transition of \$250,000. Mr. Byar asked if the grant was sufficient to cover the cost. Mr. Johnson explained what will be required and that anything over the state grant would be covered by East Hampton. Mr. Byar said that he generally favored the consolidation and shared resources. Mr. Johnson said that consolidations are likely to continue and that there is some benefit to choosing a neighbor that is a good fit. Chairman Beckett noted that they discussed it at CRCOG and that the comments were that no municipality under 40,000 would be answering their own phones.

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Glastonbury and State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection concerning Transition Grant funding for the Town of Glastonbury consolidation with the Town of East Hampton Public Safety Answering Point.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

6. Consent Calendar.

- (a) Action on bid waiver – Sanitary Sewer pump stations – submersible pumps.**
- (b) Action on Capital Reserve Transfer – Hebron Avenue/House Street Intersection**

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry

a. Bid Waiver – Submersible Pumps.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a waiver of the competitive bid process for purchase of submersible pumps for the Smith and Hubbard Pump Stations, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 8, 2016.

b. Capital Reserve Transfer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby refers to the Board of Finance the request for a \$275,000 transfer from the Capital Reserve-Unassigned Fund

Balance to Capital Projects-Intersection Realignment for the Hebron Avenue/House Street Intersection Improvement project, and schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, to consider the \$275,000 appropriation and transfer as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 8, 2016.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

7. Town Manager's Report.

Mr. Johnson briefly reviewed his report to the Council dated January 8, 2016, and asked that the Council acknowledge his quarterly expense report and that two Members be appointed to the Audit Committee.

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby acknowledges the expense report from the Town Manger from October through December, 2015.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

Chairman Beckett appointed Ms. Boisvert and Mrs. Barry to the Audit Committee. Mr. Cavanaugh highlighted an article about Women in Blue on two female officers from Glastonbury, Sgt. Kristen Schubert and Officer Lisa Lackso. He praised them for representing the town proudly and told them to continue doing so and to stay safe.

8. Committee Reports. None **(a) Chairman's Report.**

9. Communications.

- (a) Thank you letter from Susan Harkett-Turley, Executive Director, Housing Education Resource Center, for 2015-16 contributory grant.**
- (b) Letter from Robinson & Cole regarding modifications to existing communications facility at Birch Mountain Road.**
- (c) Letters (2) from CT Siting Council re notice to modify existing telecommunications facility located at Birch Mountain Road.**

10. Minutes

- (a) Minutes of December 1, 2015 Regular Meeting.**

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes submitted
for the regular meeting held December 1, 2015, with the following corrections:

Page 3, Motion, Vice Chairman Osgood should be reflected in Favor, Mr. Finn should be reflected as Against.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

11. Appointments and Resignations.

(a) Appointments to various boards and commissions

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh ***Seconded By:*** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board, Commission, Committee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Brian Chiffer	Historic District Commission	Reappointment (R-2020)
Stephen J. Ludwig	Insurance Advisory Committee	Reappointment (R-2017)
Ronald Strine	Insurance Advisory Committee	Reappointment (R-2017)
Bonnie Fierravanti	Youth & Family Services Commission	Reappointment (R-2019)
Lisa Mandeville-McGeough	Youth & Family Services Commission	Reappointment (R-2019)
Nils Carlson	Water Pollution Control Authority	Reappointment (R-2019)

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

12. Executive Session.

(a) Potential land acquisition.

(b) Draft terms and conditions for potential sale of town-owned property (232 Williams Street).

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters executive session at 7:49 pm for the purposes of discussing a potential land acquisition and draft terms and conditions for potential sale of town-owned property (232 Williams Street).

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

Present for the executive session were Town Council Members: *Dr. Stewart Beckett, III, Chairman, Mr. Whit C. Osgood, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Jill Barry, Ms. Karen Boisvert, Mr. Lawrence J. Byar, Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cara Keefe with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson.*

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby exits executive session at 8:00 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING 8:00PM

EASTERN BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Dan Pennington, Town Engineer, explained that in October, the decision was made to go forward with the project and this public information hearing is a requirement of the grant. He described the existing bridge and referred to visual material noting that the bridge has been assigned a poor condition due to structural elements. He emphasized that the bridge is safe and will be for some time but it is appropriate to address the issue at this time. He noted that their goal is to make the bridge both adequate for traffic and for water flows and they plan to use Accelerated Bridge Construction techniques to minimize inconvenience to the 6,000/day motor vehicles that cross this bridge.

Mr. Tony Mangeotta of GM2 Associates, explained the proposal to replace the current bridge with an effort to minimize environmental impact as well as impact to the traffic. He said that they are working on the aesthetics and temporary construction easements. He said that there will be lane closures and temporary detours for 8-12 weeks during the summer. Mr. Mike Manzi of the Department of Transportation, said they are conducting an investigation to determine ownership of the land for temporary easements to ensure there is compensation to the correct property owners. He said that they seek permission to inspect the property encouraging the property owner to attend and then make them an offer for fair market value. He said that they do their best to work with the property owner to avoid the cost and inconvenience of condemnation and eminent domain.

Chairman Beckett called for public comment but no one spoke. Hearing nothing further, he closed the public information hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 8:00 P.M.

NO. 1 PROPOSED NEW TOWN CODE ARTICLE V – BLIGHTED PROPERTIES.

Chairman Beckett noted that the Council has seen the proposal by the subcommittee.

Mr. Chip Geer of 86 Sunset Drive favored the proposal showing pictures of a property near his home and saying that it will equip the town with the tools needed to address the issue. He felt the concerns that the town would abuse this power were unfounded. He noted concerns it would target the less affluent and the elderly but said that homeownership comes with responsibility and that people should feel empathy for the neighbors as well. He added that blighted properties hurt home values and it isn't fair to the surrounding neighbors.

Mr. Michael Stearns of 7 Cider Mill Drive supported the proposal but asked who would inspect the properties that were reported and why they would have 60 days to correct instead of 30.

Mr. Bart Harris of 271 Eastbury Hill Road expressed support of the proposal and made suggestions based on his research into other towns including the need for a complaint form, a posting of a list of blighted properties, designation of a blighted property officer, computer system to track and annual report to the Council. He continued suggesting consideration for the elderly, disabled and financially distressed and provisions for an overgrown lawn. He felt the daily fine was too high, suggested both certified and first class mail for notice, felt 60 days should be longer if the season/weather does not permit the owner to fix and questioned the process if a resident does not comply including penalties, enforcement and appeals. He was concerned with the 10 day response noting someone could be away for that amount of time. He suggested the ordinance be re-written to consider these issues.

Mr. Karl Wagener of 588 Neipsic Road supported the proposal saying that people that live near blighted properties can't move away. He dismissed the idea that there would be overzealous enforcement and that it isn't in the eye of the beholder or a matter of taste but something specific that the town currently has no tools to address.

Mr. Harold J. Harris of 101 Laurel Trail was opposed to the proposal saying that blight is dilapidated buildings and broken windows that draw criminal activity not broken fences or rotting trees. He stated that a blight ordinance should only deal with public health and safety issues not beautification and the issue of property values. He said that he would like to see an ordinance that limits complaints to neighbors.

Mr. Ben Weir of 58 Laurel Trail favored the proposal and asked other neighbors there in support to raise their hands and about ten hands went up. He described blight next to him that

included a property full of vehicles and items that have not been moved in over 10 years. He said that it is a fire hazard and unsanitary with rodents taking up residence. He said they put up a fence but were not allowed to have it any higher than 6' while his neighbor can have a car sitting up higher on a flat bed. He said they offered to help their neighbor clean up but got no results. He said that aesthetics are important and a reason they chose to move to town. He noted that the ordinance will help remove neighbor vs. neighbor by having an unbiased independent office. He said that he trusts the town and who best to intervene.

Mr. Jim Canivan of 2 Maple Street opposed the proposal saying that property rights are fundamental and there is no balance to the ordinance recognizing these rights. He said that a neighbor may not like a property but it is not theirs and the standards are subjective. He said that there are already structures in place when there is a threat to public safety and health, a neighbor can sue and the town need not be involved. He said that this could cause a disincentive to lenders, was a solution in search of a problem and was really about propping up the grand list and property values as well as the ability of the neighbors to sell and refinance.

Ms. Sandra Leon of 70 Morgan Drive favored the ordinance saying a neighbor has a huge compost mountain that causes flares of her asthma due to the mold and there are shrubs growing into the sidewalk. She wanted the police and town to have more tools to address issues. She suggested that civic clubs could help seniors or the disabled struggling with issues and that the town should also put a notice in the library as she doesn't get the paper.

Mr. Gerhard Schade of 887 Goodale Hill expressed concern about an exemption for wetlands being nullified in another area of the proposed ordinance. He said that blight is not black and white but there are ranges of severity and minor infractions seem to qualify as blight. He urged the town not to underestimate the activity this will bring encouraging prioritizing the serious issues letting the others slide.

Mr. Mark Branse of 48 Birch Trail supported the proposal and explained his experience with working with municipalities on similar issues. He said that Mr. Schade mentioned one issue about maintaining blight in a wetland such as dead or decaying trees. He showed pictures of a couple properties in the state and that other towns have the tools to combat the problem. He added that towns usually have to address the issue once in their town and other property owners often come into compliance on their own.

Mr. Tom McKee of 1068 Hopewell Road expressed support because there is a lack of tools but urged the town to proceed with care. He suggested that there be a form and rules about who can and can't file a complaint. He suggested phasing it in and advertising it heavily to encourage residents to voluntarily comply and to reach out if they need help.

Mr. Jan Edmondson of 111 Lake Shore Trail supported the ordinance saying that she is aware of blighted properties and has seen effective implementation for health and safety issues.

Mr. Ron Getinella of 111 Lincoln Drive said that he thought the town would prioritize and described an abandoned building and vehicle next to his property.

Mr. Byar thanked the public for their input. He noted that he sat on the subcommittee and recommended that there were enough questions that the subcommittee should revisit the matter. Mrs. Keefe and Ms. Boisvert agreed and a consensus was reached to refer the matter back to subcommittee. Hearing nothing further, Chairman Beckett closed the subcommittee.

NO. 2 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF \$50,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE-UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS- SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING FOR A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS FOR AIR-CONDITIONING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Miss Melina Velendzas, 3rd Grader of 91 Grandview said that she loves school but it is hard to focus and learn when it is 105 degrees in the classroom for many days. She said that teachers got sick and she got sick, it was hard, they had no fresh air and the fans were no help. She said that the schools have heat in the building for the winter so they can learn, it doesn't make sense that they don't have air conditioning in the summer. She urged the Council to support air conditioning.

Ms. Sarah Blake of 899 Thompson Street and PTO President at Hopewell School said she has four kids up to 6th grade and that having no air conditioning impacts her family. She said she was at two separate parent nights starting at 7pm after the temperature had dropped significantly and yet they were very difficult with parents complaining. She said that classrooms were often in the 90 degree range and peaked at 105 degrees. She said a petition was signed saying that in high temperatures, the student, teachers and staff can't focus. She noted that in September, it is new everything, an important time to be sharp but the month was lost. She commented on the outrage about children being in an enclosed car in the heat but that the classrooms have similar issues without the ability to open doors and windows. She noted many districts had half days but not Glastonbury because some schools have air conditioning.

Ms. Kristen Brink of 877 Chestnut Hill Road expressed support of air conditioning said she volunteered and was appalled with the temperatures causing teachers to be soaked in sweat and suffering exhaustion from the heat. She noted the efforts to minimize the heat but that the students and teachers still couldn't function.

Ms. Eileen McIntyre of 77 Coldbrook Road and a teacher said that it is time to put in air conditioning. She noted the efforts made to try to keep the youth safe and that schools with air conditioning have a leg up for standardized testing. She said gone are the days where they can open up the school for a cross breeze.

Ms. Kathleen Murphy of 1078 Hopewell Road listed dates and temperatures from 9/1 to 10/31 ranging from 85.5 to 89.8. She said teachers and students don't feel well and are sent home sick adding that it is too hot to learn.

Ms. Anne Marieke Hamilton of 52 Northview Drive, teacher and parent, said it is important to add air conditioning to all the schools adding that it is different to play in the heat versus trying to learn in the heat. She continued saying that the fans do little but circulate the heat and despite them and open windows, the classrooms are still like an oven. She said that her littlest has difficulty coping with the heat and he's not the only one. On warm days, the priority becomes safety and comfort instead of learning. She emphasized that air conditioning is not a luxury, it is necessary for safety and health. She urged the Town Council to spend 7 hours in a classroom under these circumstances.

Ms. Theresa Forbes of 78 Mountain Road and teacher, said while the number of days with extreme temperatures may be atypical, the temperature extremes are not. She said on 9/16, the classroom started at 72 degrees, she opened the windows and it was still 90 degrees by dismissal. She said that they can't teach on these days, the school becomes a daycare. She commented on the inequality between schools with and without air conditioning.

Ms. Linda Provost of 1363 Hebron Avenue and a Principal, said that there is a heat issue for seven months plus there are activities before and after school and summer programs in the gym and cafeteria. She added that a crew works in the buildings throughout the summer with custodians working in extreme heat that is unhealthy and unsafe. She emphasized that it is not a luxury and it is our responsibility to provide an environment where learning is possible. She asked that the Council modernize the schools.

Mr. Kent Hurlburt of 376 Buttonball Lane, Principal, said he had witnessed students tired and lethargic and having difficulty breathing. He continued saying that it is nearly impossible to learn and there is a great inequity in the schools. He questioned why they should endure these conditions when there is a solution at hand.

Ms. Victoria Keeshan of 38 Sulky Lane said that she questioned her parenting decision to come to this town when enduring the conditions at parent orientation, far less extreme than what the children had been enduring. She said she would not work in these conditions and urged the Council to support air conditioning.

Ms. Heather Scindler of 75 Heywood Drive said that the students deserve the ability to learn and the last time she experienced such extreme temperatures, she was on an air craft carrier in Iraq. She spoke to the dangers of dehydration and heat exhaustion. She said they owe their kids a safe learning environment.

Mr. Jay Gregorski of 1029 Neipsic Road, Gideon Welles Principal, spoke to 1967 when there wasn't air conditioning in their home except the parent's room and they didn't have it in the car. He continued saying that since then, central air conditioning has improved and education has

changed substantially with school programs and mandates. He said that teachers, students and staff work diligently and the district works hard to provide the teachers the tools they need. He said that air conditioning at Gideon Welles is necessary for success and for safety.

Ms. Marie Robert of 57 Mountain View Road said she's asthmatic and as much she wanted to stay, she couldn't spend more than half hour at a parent orientation due to the extreme conditions in the evening. She said adults know better how to behave to minimize the impacts of heat on their bodies but children do not putting them at a higher risk for a medical emergency. She said that losing the start of the year which is the foundation of what comes beyond poses a risk to the rest of the year. She urged the Council to support the proposal for air conditioning.

Ms. Julie Brennan of 55 Coleman Road, teacher, reiterated that in the unbearable temperatures, they shift from teaching to keeping the students safe and healthy. She spoke to the poor condition her son would be in coming off the bus after a day at the schools in high temperatures and urged support for air conditioning.

Ms. Amy Castela of 292 Olde Stage Road, teacher, said her day would start out at 175 degrees, she would keep the blinds closed and windows open and they would suffer with the sun beating down from 11am to dismissal constantly dealing with requests for water and a trip to the nurse not feeling well and trying to minimize their activity. She said that teachers and students alike deal with puddles of sweat in their chairs as temperatures would climb to 98 degrees with two hours remaining in the day. She noted the school doesn't close over the summer. She emphasized there are high expectations, there is no learning with these high classroom temperatures and urged support for air conditioning.

Ms. Marilyn Mathes of 172 Millstone Road noted how difficult it was as an adult to withstand curriculum night event though it was a fraction of the time at a much cooler time in the evening. She noted how much more challenging school is now than it once was and it isn't realistic to expect the students are learning in those conditions. She urged support for air conditioning so no instructional time is lost.

Ms. Kathleen McGuire of 107 Pond Circle echoed the remarks of the speakers before her saying that her son would get off the bus beet red and she knew these days are not educational. She advocated for reasonable conditions for the students, faculty and staff.

Ms. Lisa Pearlman of 93 Duck Pond Road said that she agreed with all the speakers before her and was asked to read an email from Janine Rodriguez of 148 Barrington Way who was an educator speaking to the difficult classroom conditions.

Ms. Mary Sulla of 8 Allison Way, Naubuc Assistant Principal, explained that they had issues with the heat with both the students and the staff. She emphasized that it is really important and urged support.

Ms. Carol Lemieux of 243 Windmill Hill, teacher, said they definitely do need air conditioning, it is not a want. She said it is really hard to keep the attention of the children in 90 degree temperatures.

Ms. Teresa Pfalzgraf of 91 Trinity Avenue questioned what else has to be said when you hear from administration, teachers and staff about the deplorable conditions.

Mr. Michael Grunwald of 11 Plank Lane said he is a professional in the industry and spoke to the research of the impact of a rise in temperature over ideal conditions. He added that he experienced it first hand at parent orientation and felt that it is most detrimental to the most fragile students.

Mr. Joe Oros of 179 Cambridge Drive echoed the concerns about indoor air quality and the impact on education and urged support by the Council to put air conditioning in all schools without consideration of any potential consolidation down the line. He noted the concern about children with conditions such as asthma being of particular need of the improvement.

Ms. Janet Belzar, Naubuc Principal, reiterated the issues of reasonable work environment, equity across schools and that students, teachers and staff were physically impacted and sickened. She noted the student's comments about heating in the cold and it made sense that you would also cool in the heat. She said it is that simple an urged support.

Mr. Steve Smith of 73 Dogwood Lane said it says the turnout for this hearing speaks to the gravity of the issue. He read statistics about the 72 degrees being the ideal work temperature and that we would never expect our children to work in 52 degrees, questioning why it is okay they work in 92 degrees. He spoke to the statistics of declining work quality when temperature increases and said that they can't work under these conditions. He expressed concern about the impact on the particularly fragile such as the special needs students while Nayaug students get a full year of educational time. He commented on the new entrance to town hall suggesting that the air conditioning to improve the educational environment would be a better investment.

Ms. Donna Schilke, Smith Middle School Principal, said that her school is active, busy and vibrant all day, every day and throughout the summer with air conditioning. She added that every school deserves that consistency.

Chairman Beckett noted that there are a lot of needs in the town and he commended residents for advocating for their interests but cautioned against criticizing other projects. Ms. Boisvert thanked the residents for coming out to the meeting and providing input. She expressed support for the proposal emphasizing that all cooling options should be on the table including the discussion of school closures. Mr. Byar echoed the appreciation for the residents coming out and that he wanted to make it clear that all options for cooling should be on the table including air conditioning, venting, exhaust system and window treatments. Mrs. Barry said that she fully supported the proposal in its entirety and air conditioning in the schools for appropriate conditions for students, teachers and staff as well as equity across the schools is a long time

coming. She said that it has been a difficult effort to get to this point and this is the first step to bringing it to fruition. She added that the study has always been proposed as defining scope, options and cost.

Vice Chairman Osgood also thanked the residents that took the time to speak. He said that he agrees they need to evaluate how to improve the conditions in the schools but is opposed to this appropriation given it came up at 11pm at night and not during the appropriate process. He said that the town and the Board of Education have a CIP process and last year the Board of Education prioritized the weight room among others. He said that would not support this appropriation but would evaluate the project alongside all the other during the CIP in a few weeks. Mr. Cavanaugh said he was impressed with the dedication of the parents, teachers and staff. Chairman Beckett asked about including heat load versus cooling and Mr. Johnson took note. Mr. Cavanaugh said he didn't disagree with air conditioning in the schools but agreed with Vice Chairman Osgood about the projects needing to be reviewed in their totality adding that the process works. He stated that he would be happy to send it to referendum at that time. Hearing nothing further, Chairman Beckett closed the public hearing.

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a \$50,000 appropriation and transfer from the Capital Reserve-Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Projects-School Air-Conditioning, for conceptual design and cost estimates for proposed school air-conditioning to include:

- Centralized cooling system with options;
- Distribution cooling system with options;
- Electrical, structural, architectural, Capital and life cycles,

as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 8, 2016 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Result: Motion carries by the following vote: {5-2-0}.

For: Chairman Beckett, Mrs. Barry, Ms. Boisvert, Mr. Byar and Mrs. Keefe

Against: Vice Chairman Osgood and Mr. Cavanaugh

Abstain: None

NO. 3 \$35,000 TRANSFER FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE-UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS, FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY AT 1056 NEW LONDON TURNPIKE

Chairman Beckett explained that this has been discussed previously among the Council and called for public comment.

Mr. Michael Stearns of 7 Cider Mill Drive reiterated that he was opposed to this purchase and still finds it silly. He said that he thought it was \$50,000 to renovate and now the number is \$35,000. He asked if anyone had actually been in the house calling the condition deplorable on the outside needing a new driveway. He questioned how much town labor would be used and suggested it wasn't a wise investment particularly given the house was built in 1900. He questioned the demolition cost and praised an idea to use the garage expressed at a previous

meeting. He felt it would be more expensive than \$35,000 noting the roof, appliances and counting time put in by town forces. He felt the expenses were inappropriate.

Chairman Beckett noted a list from Mr. Johnson. Mr. Byar said that he was not supportive of spending money to renovate and would rather see it demolished. He emphasized that this was purchased to realign the intersection or expand the High School. Ms. Boisvert said that at first she supported this but after some research, she now disagrees. Vice Chairman Osgood said that he will support the proposal saying it has a two year payback. Mr. Cavanaugh said he was against this purchase then and now. Mrs. Barry said that there is no immediate use and they could make some money in the interim. Mrs. Keefe agreed with Vice Chairman Osgood and Mrs. Barry. Chairman Beckett commented that it could be an affordable housing unit. Hearing nothing further, he closed the public hearing.

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a \$35,000 appropriation and transfer from the Capital Reserve-Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Projects-Rental Property Renovations for the town-owned property at 1056 New London Turnpike, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated January 8, 2016 and as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Result: Motion fails due to the inability to get 5 affirmative votes by the following: {4-3-0}.

For: Chairman Beckett, Vice Chairman Osgood, Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Keefe

Against: Ms. Boisvert, Mr. Byar and Mr. Cavanaugh

Abstain: None

12. Executive Session.

Continued

(a) Potential property acquisition.

(b) Draft terms and conditions for potential sale of town-owned property (232 Williams Street).

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby enters executive session at 10:55 pm for the purposes of discussing a potential land acquisition and draft terms and conditions for potential sale of town-owned property (232 Williams Street).

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

Present for the executive session were Town Council Members: Dr. Stewart Beckett, III, Chairman, Mr. Whit C. Osgood, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Jill Barry, Ms. Karen Boisvert, Mr. Lawrence J. Byar, Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cara Keefe with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson.

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh **Seconded By:** Mrs. Barry

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby exits executive session at 11:25 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

13. Adjournment

Motion By: Mr. Cavanaugh

Seconded By: Mrs. Barry

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of January 12, 2016, at 11:26 pm.

Result: Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Meanix Miller

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Recording Clerk

Stewart Beckett, III
Chairman